

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 2204 - SB 2313**

March 28, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a waiver of the enrollment cap for individuals who would otherwise be eligible for coverage under the AccessTN program when such individual agrees to pay 100 percent of the coverage cost.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000**

##### Assumptions:

- AccessTN is the state's high risk pool which is funded through a combination of participant premiums, state appropriations, assessments of insurance coverage and federal sources.
- An enrollment cap is established based on the Access Tennessee Board of Director's determination of the cost of coverage and the estimated financial capacity of the program.
- The increase in the number of individuals in the pool will lead to an increase in benefit expenses.
- Tenn. Code Ann. § 56-7-2903(n)(2) states that the total amount of the assessments authorized for a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount appropriated by the state to the pool for that same fiscal year.
- It is estimated that any increase in benefit expenses will result in an increase in state expenditures exceeding \$100,000.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director